

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

Mail Stop 529

JUN 7 1979

Earl Tower
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Dear Mr. Tower:

Confirming our telephone conversation, I'm enclosing a copy of the memo I sent to our Enforcement Division and Water Division listing information given to us by an informant and am including additional information given us about possible hazardous waste sites in the State.

1. Oil refineries at Cherry Point, Italco, and sources in Canada have been dumping sulfuric acid and other hazardous wastes at Wilders private landfill north of Bellingham. Presumably under a permit granted by the County Health Department. *Action taken by Northland Region*

2. A site previously operated by Resource Recovery Seattle at Pasco, Washington has been abandoned. Reportedly it contains large quantities of 2,4-D and fumes have damaged grapevines in the nearby area. The site is now covered with a tarp. *Site closed*

3. There is an abandoned barrel site near Cedar Hills landfill. Doug Hildebrandt at Metro is reportedly knowledgeable about the site. *Action being taken by Northland Region*

4. There is a large tank of cyanide waste near the highway at the south end of Kelso. The owner didn't pay property tax and has abandoned the site.

5. Approximately six months ago, Hooker Chemical, Tacoma had on hand 4 or 5 rail cars of contaminated chloroform.

6. Puget Sound Tug and Barge has a barge load of Caustic Soda they are trying to get rid of.

7. Monsanto Chemical was putting up to 100 tons of sludge per day into the Tulalip Landfill. They have now changed their process.

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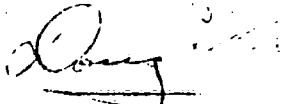


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8. Pittsburg Coke and Coal, Fort Lewis, Washington had on hand 1200 drums of highly flammable material which is cancerous. It caught fire recently.

9. Widding Transportation Company, Kent, Washington rinses their trucks used to haul Cyanide and acid. They dump the waste water on open ground. Everyone around there knows about it.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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